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SUBJECT: JADE IN OLYMPIC MEDALS: CHINESE, NOT BURMESE

Olympic medals for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing will contain domestically produced jade, not jade imported from Burma, Beijing Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games Cultural Affairs Unit General Affairs Division Chief Liu Hao told PolOff December 17. Liu confirmed that the medals would indeed contain jade, but categorically denied that the jade would be imported. He said Olympics officials are studying several locations in China from which to buy the jade, but have not yet selected a supplier.
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